



~~In re~~ the application of:

Group Art Unit: 2622

Examiner: Amy R. Hsu

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of the non-U.S. references of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicant submits these references in compliance with his duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate locations.

Reference L is in the Japanese language. The relevance of Reference L may be ascertained by reviewing the corresponding English language abstract (see Reference R). In addition, Reference A is believed to be an English-language equivalent of Reference L.

Applicant states that the references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 were cited in a communication in a counterpart Japanese application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). As this IDS is being filed after a Final Office Action, enclosed is our check in the amount of \$180.00 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.117(p). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP133).

Respectfully submitted,
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